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Centralization vs Decentralization.

Mr. Briggs, in commenting on the DD/S systems analysis effort and the results of the ~~and OCS~~ ~~role in increasing DD/S~~ on the Agency procurement system, and the OCS role in computer support to DD/S, said "As to centralization vs. decentralization, this battle continues to be waged across the country. The fact is that there is no basis for a black or white choice. It is not impossible that the cost/effectiveness gains claimed for the time-shared, remote query, multi-processing, multi-programming 360 /Model 67 will not prove out, and (over

stand-alone systems for the DDS jobs, and the DDI, and the DDS&T, and the DDP might result. But there is no statistical evidence from an operating environment to either prove or disprove the manufacturer's claims. Let's use the assets now given us to find out, assuming a positive, not negative approach."

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Director of Computer Services

—/ Memo for Actg DDS&T. from D/CS, 16 Nov 66,
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[] DD/CS, Memo ~~for~~ draft OCS GOALS,
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Because of the high cost associated with ADP, OCS has a professional responsibility to examine the tech feasibility of potential applications and may suggest modifications to proposals or reject them when tech or economic considerations warrant.

In general, OCS does not solicit applications or initiate ADP studies; the identification of a data processing problem is assumed to be the responsibility of the component affected. X

*Order of
priority*

Basic guidance on priorities and allocation of resources where several users are competing for our services is provided by the Information Processing Coordinator or by the Information Processing Staff where inter-directorate situations arise. OCS provides the necessary support in the implementation of the provisions of [] and the M & F Statement of the Information Processing Staff.

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OCS allocates its resources generally in the following order of decreasing priority:

- 1) Maint. of current systems and regular production load.
- 2) Servicing rqmts to change existing systems and produce new products therefrom.
- 3) Modif. and conversion of existing systems and programs for more efficient operation.
- 4) Performance of long-range system studies and design.

Preferential treatment is given to applications having a degree of match to OCS analytic capability and existing programming packages and those for which the analysis and design have a potential for other anticipated tasks.

X While a computer career service is not formally recognized, we, along with other ADP components, must provide personnel services of common concern which the A requires in its pursuit of ADP excellence. These include assistance in recruitment of ADP personnel for other components; rotation, promotion, and other personnel actions associated with a Career Panel when another component wishes us to assume these functions; assistance in trg and other aspects of career planning for personnel in other components. ✓

ORD/IPRD - OCS support to

Contracts to complete facility modifications required for installation of IBM 360/40 system in the Ames Building IPRD expected to be finished 18 Nov 1966. System will be available at that time for installation in coord. with IBM.

3rd Generation Equipment

360/65 acceptance test: During Sept 66 system was used for 217 hours; average effectiveness for the month 82%; this is 8% short of level required to complete acceptance test. Anticipate completion of test by mid-October.